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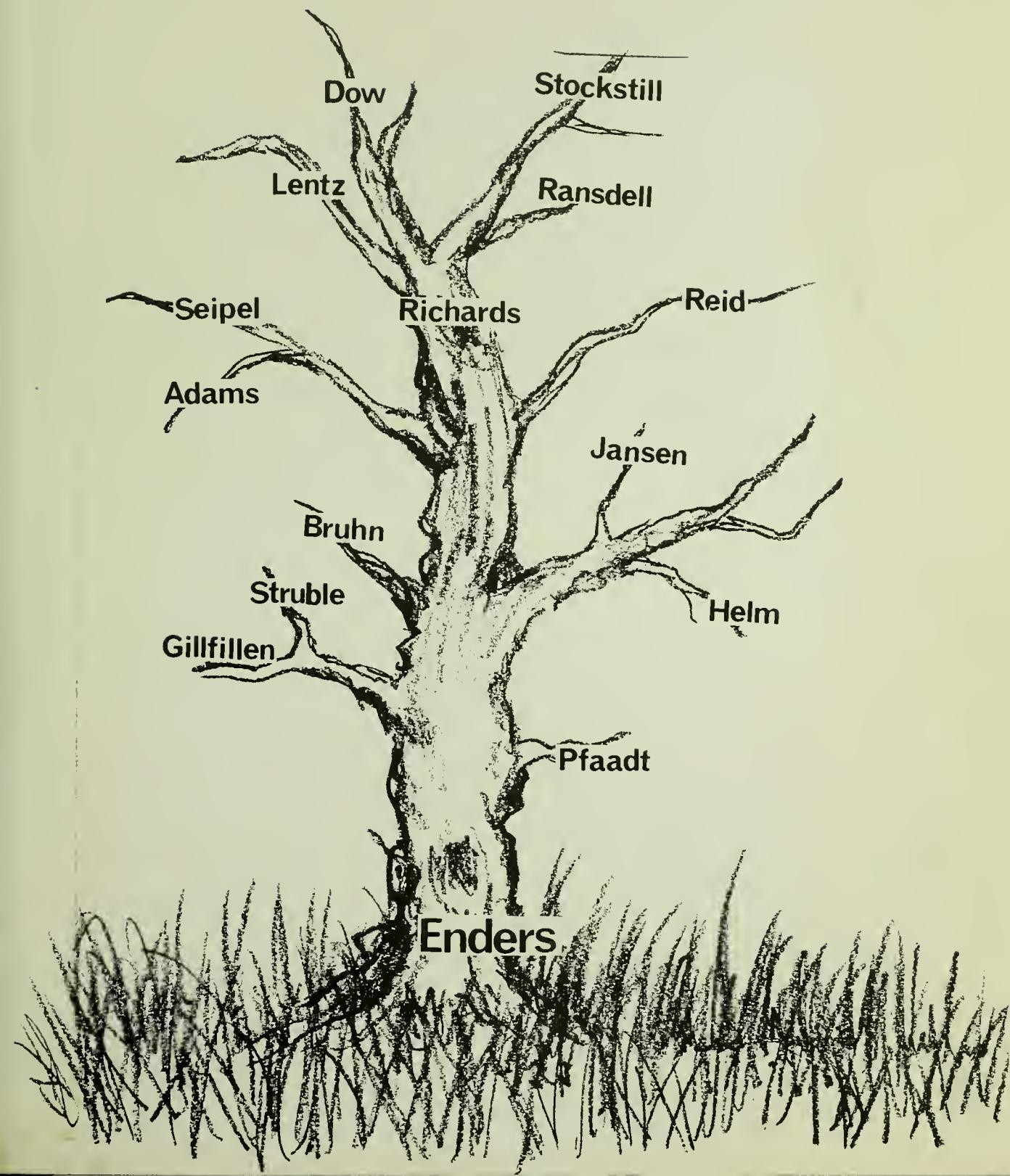


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The writer wishes to express sincere
gratitude and deep appreciation to all members of the

Enders Family

who so graciously and willingly contributed to this history.

Every effort was made to accurately compile
the information included.

If there are errors or omissions, certainly
they were unintentional.

The History and Genealogy of the Christian Enders Family
is respectfully dedicated
to the memory of all deceased members.

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EARLY HISTORY

The following information concerning the earliest known members of the Enders Family was collected by Dr. George C. Enders when he traveled to Germany in 1927. In 1957, he wrote his sister, Sadie Enders Richards, of his findings. We are grateful to the Richards family for sharing the letter with us. Except for some lines of German which were translated into English by Yetta Seddig Enders, few changes have been made in the original manuscript.

Dr. Enders writes:

"While in father's home town, City of Lengsfeld, Germany, I secured from the town minister a copy of the official record of his family. That was in 1927. Later, I received a fuller record of the same from father's sister's grandson, Alfred Bohn, from which I take the following:

200 Year Family Enders

Extracts From a Family Tree

- I. Enders, Conrad. Clothweaver. Our father's great grandfather. b. 1739 d. 1800. Married Otilia Krug. Both born, lived and died in City of Lengsfeld, Germany.
- II. Enders, Johan Conrad. Clothweaver. Father's grandfather. b. 1/1/1766 d. 1815. Married Dorthea Maria Rittweger. b. 1769 d. 1814. Both lived and died City of Lengsfeld.
- III. Enders, Christoph. Master Clothweaver. Father's father. b. 6/22/1797. d. ?? Married Anna Elizabeth Klotzbach, b. 7/28/1799. d. 1/4/1863. She was a woman of strong character and ability, highly respected in City of Lengsfeld. I visited her grave, and also the family home which was little changed, I was told, from the time our father was there. Of Christoph, the records show that he was a Master of Clothweaving and adds, "He allowed himself to be divorced from his wife and went to America." I never heard father say much about him.
- IV. Children of Christoph and Elizabeth Klotzbach Enders
 1. Maximiliane Frederike Welhelmine b. 3/ 9/1819
 2. Wilhelmina (Married Eichel) b. 3/11/1821
 3. Christoph (Evidently Christel) b. 3/31/1823
 4. Minna Elizabeth (Married Bohn) b. 8/11/1825
 5. Heinrich b. 1/12/1828
 6. Dorthea b. 9/19/1830
 7. Christoph b. 8/15/1834
 8. Christian b. 4/ 7/1838

"Alfred Bohn, from whose document I quote, gives the descendants of two of the children, Minna Elizabeth and Christian. Minna married Johan Bohn, operator of a small farm. To them were born two children, Minna and Gustav. Gustav became a court clerk, an important office, of which he was proud, and which he conducted with dignity, exactness and integrity. He was a large, heavy, well-proportioned man who felt the importance of his job, and his responsibility for its performance..."

Gustav was married to Elise Phieeler. They had five children, three of whom were living at the time I visited them. Maria, who lived with her father; Ernest, a minister of Magdeburg, and Alfred, official counselor of Potsdam, Germany. Since World War II, when Potsdam with East Germany went behind the Russian Curtain, Alfred was taken from his wife at Potsdam, not allowed to see her and put on a job in Frankfort on the Main, which is outside the Russian zone. I am unable to get any response to my letters to him and I conclude that he is forbidden to do so by the Russians. He has a well-paying job, but as I understand it, to keep his wife from starving, Alfred is practically in extreme slavery."

Then follows a slightly inaccurate list of the eight surviving children of Christian Enders. Dr. Enders did not know how or where Alfred obtained this information.

In 1967, correspondence was received from members of an Enders Family Association in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This family traces back to Philip Christian Enders, b. July 22, 1740 in Breunigweiler, District of Rockenhausen, Palatinate, Nassau, Germany. He died February 26, 1809 in Enders Pa.. Philip was the son of John Conrad and Maria Catherine Geissel Enders and one of a large family. A 365 page illustrated history and genealogy of the family was printed in 1960, chiefly through the efforts of the late Dr. Howard Edwin Enders, Dean Emeritus, School of Science, Purdue University.

Following are two letters written by our cousin Alfred Bohn, the first to Charles Enders, the second to George Enders. Attempts have been made to determine if Alfred, or any of his descendants still reside in Germany, so far with no success.....

Alfred Bohn Potsdam The 21st of December 1947

Dear Relative: I am the second son of Gustav Bohn. My father was born on May 30, 1859 in town Lengsfeldt, Rhon River. He died on the 23rd of December 1937 in Altstedt Helme. His mother, that is my grandmother, was Minna Elizabeth Bohn born Enders. Her youngest brother was Christian Enders, your father, who was born April 7, 1838 in town Lengsfeldt, later emigrated to America and on May 20, 1902 in Sidney died. This is our relationship. Before me lies a photograph which Jacob Henry, George Christian, Elizabeth and you Charles Nicholas shows. This photograph bears date of 1930. It was sent by your brother George Christian. George Christian was in the year 1927 in Germany and had taken advantage

of this opportunity to visit us. He was with other Americans in Berlin, came then to my home, Alstedt, from which with my father and sister, who I am sorry to say died in the year 1932, went to town Lengsfeldt the native home of our combined relationship. With your brother George Christian we stand under obligation. Out of an old letter which your sister Mary Enders Pfaadt, who often wrote to my father, know I that you are possessed of a farm. Mary Enders Pfaadt wrote in the letter as follows: "Charles is married and is a lucky and prosperous farmer." The words on the photograph, on which you have a very good appearance shows that you were born on March 16, 1872 and was at that time 58 years old. Today, you are already 76 and inbetween these years you have probably changed some, and I hope that with you and your dear family all goes well. With us this is sadly not so. I was formerly employed in the higher account office of the German Government. Through the horrible war I lost my fine position. I was reserve officer and also had to take part in the second frightful war. In 1945 I was wounded 4 times and placed in a Russian prison camp between Leningradt and Archegelik. I was very sick. The Russian doctors were good to me. By the end of 1946, I was sent home. Following that for a long time I could do no work. My wife sustained us somewhat by knitting. We have a daughter. She is 16 years old. She is gifted and good in music. In a year and a half, she will graduate from school. I myself, as an assistant accountant, earn little money. Articles of food are very scarce and as we cannot buy them the nourishment is far from being sufficient. We often go hungry to bed. We have to share our home with two other families. We are not responsible for the present condition in Germany. We wanted only to work in peace and were happy. We wanted to live in peace and friendship with all. Sorry are we that we have no good future...

Do you perhaps have something of life sustaining food to share with us. Even the smallest measure would be a great help to us. The large CARE food packets are not allowed to be sent into the Russian zone. But if you wish to send such a CARE package you can address it as follows: Alfred Bohn, Berlintahlem, Misdroyer Strasse F Bei Fritz Wernike, English Sector... Fritz Wernike is the uncle of my wife. We can easily get the package from him.

Hearty Greetings for Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Alfred Bohn
Frau Johanna
Daughter Hannelore

Heinrichstrasse 16, Potsdam, Germany

May 1, 1948

Dear Relatives: For the last fourteen days I have been in Allstedt, my birthplace where my brother Ernst, the preacher in Magdeburg and I have a house which we inherited from our parents. In this house, many people are living and for this reason one must always look after what is right there. When I returned to Potsdam, I learned that in the CARE warehouse in Berlin there was a food packet which was for me and which I should come and get it. I at once journeyed there and received the wonderfully precious packet. As I came home and unrolled the same before my wife and our daughter they were uncontrollably happy. We for

joy at seeing all the nice things could scarcely keep from weeping. Through the great, now year long continued need in Germany have we richly learned the worth of such sendings. How shall we ever repay you? We know no other way than out of our overflowing hearts to thank you for your help..... The harvest of 1947 due to long continued dry weather was very slim. In many cases not even as much as the seed which was sown was gotten back. Our rich and fertile plot of ground at Allstedt was so dry that the sod turned brown and dried up. The worst months of the year will be those just before the new harvest. To tide us over till that time this CARE packet will be a great help. The conditions so far this year have been more promising, if they continue we can expect better crops. We sincerely hope there will be no new war, concerning which there is much talk. We have suffered so much from the past wars, that we would be unspeakably happy if war would cease. Poor, poor suffering Germany..... We much regret that our fatherland must now be divided into two parts - eastern and western Germany. It is our great desire that the two divisions can again be united. We who live in the eastern part especially wish this. Were it possible many people would move out of Germany and seek in a strange land to find a new home..... My letter of Dec. 21, 1947 was missent to Route 2, Sidney where the farm of your brother Herman lives. I learn from this CARE packet that your address is Pemberton, Ohio. I hope that my todays letter will reach you there... It would greatly please me if you would write me in English. My wife and daughter know the English language and can translate for me. In the hope that things go well with you, heartily greet your wife, daughter..

Your thankful, Alfred Bohn...

Families of Heinrich and Wilhelmina

This history is concerned primarily with Christian Enders ancestors and descendants; however, the next pages contain a brief record of the families of one brother, Heinrich or Henry, and one sister, Wilhelmina. Perhaps the account will be of interest to a few. For much of this information we are indebted to Charles Eichel and his sister Clara Eichel Robertson, grandchildren of Wilhelmina.

Henry Enders	b. Jan. 12, 1828	m.	d. Apr. 9, 1902
Emma Kleckner	b. Oct. 20, 1815		d. Nov. 13, 1888

Robert b. Jan. 1, 1860 m. Nov. 1885 d. Feb. 22, 1914
(Six other children reported to have died in infancy)

Henry was the first of Christoph and Elizabeth's children to come to America. He was followed by his brother, Christian, and the two were largely responsible for the arrival of their cousin, Herman Eichel, oldest child of August and Wilhelmina Enders Eichel.

Henry was a tall handsome man, endowed with shrewd judgement and business ability. Clothweaving had been the occupation of his father and grandfathers and it became his vocation, too. He made

many beautiful coverlets, each with the inscription "H. Enders, Coverlet Weaver, Sidney, O." and the appropriate date. The earliest of Henry's work found so far is dated 1855 and the latest 1858. The colors were light and dark blue, some with accents of red and green on a linen-shade background. They were double woven, with the pattern appearing on either side, the colors reversed. Fringe was dyed to the desired shade and applied to three sides...Henry also made items of crockery which were much in demand with the farmers of the area. These stoneware pitchers and other articles were used to cool and store milk and cheeses. It is not known if this crockery had an identifying mark. Henry was thrifty and became well to do for the era in which he lived. He owned property in east Sidney, his first home located at the northeast corner of Court and Brooklyn Street.

Through the efforts of a matchmaking minister, Henry met and married Emma Kleckner, a widow from Lehi County, Pennsylvania. Emma had seven children by her first marriage.

As a boy, Charles Eichel, Herman's son, was able to converse in German. He recalled that often his father would welcome his cousins, Henry and Christian into his home. The three would hold long interesting conversations in their native tongue, while he sat quietly by, a fascinated listener. Charles spoke admiringly of the high intellect of the men, remembering the eloquence of their speech and how they would read correspondence from the "old country" to one another. Charles particularly remembered their mutual consternation when news came one day of the suicide of one of Henry and Christian's sisters in Germany. The men were close companions all their lives and enjoyed frequent visits.

Emma suffered from Dropsy. She passed away several years before Henry. Both are buried at Graceland Cemetery, Sidney...

Wilhelmina Enders	b.	Mar. 11, 1821	m.	d.
August Eichel	b.			d.
Herman	b.	1853	m.	1880
Daniel			d.	Apr. 5, 1939
Anna	b.	1852		d.
Carl				1948

August and Wilhelmina lived in Saxony, Germany. Two of their four children came to America. Herman about 1867 and Anna sometime later. Daniel left home and no trace of him was ever found. Carl resided in Dresden, Germany and is reported to have had a daughter. Originally the name Eichel was Eichelson. It became Eichel many years ago in Germany. Some of the earliest Eichels or Eichelsons were reported to have been nobility.

Herman Eichel	b.	1853	d.	1939
Christina Messmer	b.	1858	d.	Nov. 12, 1956

Charles L.	b. May 10, 1883	m. 1911 (divorced)	d. Apr. 27, 1973
Clara	b. Mar. 3, 1885	m. Dec. 15, 1917	d.
Benjamin	b. Mar. 4, 1888	m.	JAN. 20, 1972
Wilma	b. Apr. 26, 1892	nm.	d.
Isabel	b. Aug. 2, 1900	nm.	d. Sept. 29, 1915

Herman's cousins, Henry and Christian, encouraged him to come to America and settle in Sidney. At the time of his arrival, the population of the town was about 1800. Christina was from Tipp City. The couple lived and the children were born in east Sidney.

Charles had no descendants and Wilma never married. Isabel was fatally injured in an accident when the vehicle in which she was riding was struck by a train.

Benjamin married Virginia Hill, a native of West Virginia. They have two children, both boys and reside in Kettering, near Dayton.

Clara married Joseph Robertson, a native of Ireland. They spent most of their married life in the east, where Joseph passed away in 1963. Two daughters were born to the couple, Cathryn in 1918, the wife of Commander J.J. Forrester, and Isabel whose married name is Lohr. Mr. Lohr is deceased, and Isabel resides in Jackson Heights, New York. The Forrester's have one daughter, Eileen, and the family lives in Cutler, Maine.

Robert Enders (Son of Henry)

Sue Culbertson	b. Oct. 27, 1862	d.
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Henry	b. Aug. 23, 1889	m. May 25, 1916	d. Oct. 25, 1941
Lina	b. Nov. 7, 1889	nm.	d. Oct. 12, 1962
Arthur	b. Oct. 25, 1890		d. Jan. 10, 1896
Emma	b. Mar. 15, 1897	m. Apr. 10, 1944	d.

Robert was by occupation a cigar maker. Sue was born in Troy and was of English ancestry. They lived in Sidney where all the children except Henry were born. Henry was born in Troy and married Clara Huffman. They were the parents of two children, Henry, now of Dayton and William, Satellite Beach, Florida. Lina was a registered nurse, and Arthur died at an early age.

Emma lived most of her life in Troy. She was married to Joseph Pearson who passed away in 1962. Mr. Pearson was engaged in the laundry business. There were no children. Mrs. Pearson supplied the information on the Robert Enders descendants.



CHRISTIAN ENDERS



MARGARET DORMIRE ENDERS



GEORGE CHRISTIAN

NICHOLAS CHARLES

JACOB HENRY

EMMA ELIZABETH



SADIE TAYLOR

JOHN HERMAN

MARY WILSON

BARBARA K.

KATHRYN ROSANNA

CHRISTIAN

CHRISTIAN ENDERS FAMILY

Christian Enders	b. Apr. 7, 1838	m. Oct. 6, 1864	d. June 24, 1902
Margaret Dormire	b. Aug. 22, 1843		d. Sept 20, 1878
1. Elizabeth D.	b. Dec. 21, 1865		d. Dec. 21, 1865
2. Jacob Henry	b. Feb. 25, 1867	m. May 25, 1891	d. July 25, 1949
3. Geo. Christian	b. Aug. 31, 1869	m. Aug. 20, 1893	d. Mar. 16, 1966
4. Emma Caroline	b. Dec. 20, 1871		d. Mar. 26, 1876
5. Nicholas Chas.	b. Mar. 16, 1874	m. Feb. 26, 1902 m. Feb. 12, 1930 m. June 15, 1947	d. Aug. 20, 1964
6. Emma Elizabeth	b. Mar. 23, 1876	nm	d. Jan. 12, 1967
Christian Enders		m July 27, 1879	
Barbara King	b. Feb. 16, 1846		d. July 11, 1938
7. Sadie Taylor	b. July 10, 1881	m. July 8, 1908	d. June 21, 1965
8. Mary Wilson	b. Dec. 17, 1883	m. July 14, 1915	d. Aug. 8, 1940
9. John Herman	b. May 5, 1886	m. Nov. 30, 1916	d. Jan. 4, 1974
10. Kathryn Rosanna	b. Jan. 27, 1889	m. Sept 8, 1914	d.

Christian was the youngest of eight children. His mother, left alone to support the family, did so by weaving and selling cloth. When Christian was seventeen years of age, he left his home and family in Germany and came to the States. He arrived in Sidney in 1856. The town then boasted a population of one thousand or so, mostly German emigrants. For generations back, the Enders men had been "tuchmachers" - clothweavers - and Christian took up this occupation. He joined his brother, Henry, in east Sidney and for several months the brothers did a successful business. When factory looms began to take the place of hand looms, Christian decided to learn another trade. Subsequently, he became an apprentice of Jacob Piper, one of Sidney's leading wagon makers. This apprenticeship required three years of very hard labor, from daylight until dark, for which Christian received his room and board.

In the early days of the Civil War, he enlisted in Schultz' Battery, First Ohio Light Artillery, and was at Shiloh, Murfreesboro, and in several minor engagements. Upon receiving a medical discharge, Christian returned to Sidney and became a proficient wagon maker, his place of business located on North Ohio Avenue. Shortly thereafter, he and Margaret were married.

Margaret was born in Shelby County. She was the only daughter of Nicholas Dormire, born in France November 20, 1808, and his wife, Dorothea Piper Dormire, born in Germany June 28, 1808. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dormire emigrated to the States in 1830. They met in Chambersville, Pennsylvania, and were married there May 15, 1834. The Dormires owned 3 farms, totaling 327 acres in Perry Township, for which they paid \$3,100. This was between the years 1850-55. Margaret had two brothers, George and Jacob. Mrs. Dormire's brother was Jacob Piper, for whom Christian served his wagon maker apprenticeship.

By 1874, the appearance of factory made wagons on the streets of Sidney began to cause Christian grave concern. He was not sure there would be a continuing demand for his hand made wagons... Margaret, in 1869, had been deeded 80 acres of land by her parents. At the same time, her brother George had acquired an adjoining 80 from the Dormires. Christian knew nothing of farm life, but the possibility he might soon be unable to support his family in the wagon shop made him consider more and more a move to the country. Early in 1875, he purchased the 80 acres next to Margaret's land from George Dormire, and the family moved to Perry Township. Now Christian's every waking hour was occupied with clearing the land, erecting the necessary buildings and eventually cultivating the soil.

Life on the farm was much more difficult than Christian had ever imagined. Added to his struggle to improve their living standard and make the land profitable was the nearly invalid condition of Margaret. She was always frail, and never recovered from the birth of Emma Elizabeth, followed in three days by the death of Emma Caroline. In the summer of 1878, Margaret was in the last weeks of her terminal illness. The cause of her death, as listed in the Shelby County Court records, was lung fever.

After Margaret died, Christian's problems became monumental. The wisdom of his venture into agriculture was still in question; at best he had countless improvements yet to make, and he was hopelessly unable to cope with his motherless family. In desperation, he began writing to a "single, refined lady of German birth". After a brief courtship by correspondence, he and Barbara King were married. Barbara was the youngest daughter of John and Magdalena Sallsman King. Other children were Elizabeth, wife of John Honderick, Mary, wife of Jacob Meyers, Catherine, wife of John Gram and Joseph. Barbara was strong, willing to work and well experienced in every aspect of running the household. She proved to be an excellent helpmate for Christian.

In keeping with Margaret's last wishes and by the terms of her will, the portion of the farm belonging to her became the property of her surviving children. Jacob Dormire was appointed by the court as their guardian. How faithfully he fulfilled his dying sister's request is shown by his careful accounts, filed in the Shelby County Probate Court. Every sum due them, no matter how small, was credited to the children. As they became of age, Margaret's children, except Jacob, disposed of their share of the farm in favor of interests elsewhere. Jacob purchased enough from the other three to acquire 35 acres, and that land remains in the Enders family to the present day. It is owned by Wilbur and Lucile Enders.

Slowly, Christian's self-taught principals of farming began to be rewarding. Gradually the farm home and surroundings reflected the hard work and capable management of both he and Barbara. But still Christian's troubles persisted. The children of his first marriage had never accepted the new and efficient member of the family, and Barbara had little time to give to them. A tremendous burden of tasks faced her daily and the arrival of her own little ones soon

added to her responsibilities. One by one, Margaret's unhappy children left their father's fireside. George was first to go. He at the age of thirteen, went across the field to the home of Margaret's parents. Days later, sixteen year old Jacob moved to a shack in the woods on the edge of his recently inherited land. In a few years, Charles joined him there, and as soon as she was able, Emma became the hired girl of a neighboring family.

The number of real estate transactions negotiated by either Christian or his brother Henry was truly fascinating. It was not possible, in one visit to the Shelby County Recorder's office to list them all. Possibly Henry was involved in more frequent property transfers, but Christian's deals had to do with more land. The brothers might not have understood the terms, land speculation and sub-division, but they engaged in both. Henry's properties, whether bought or sold, were located in Dingmansburg, the early name for east Sidney. The first property acquired by Christian, was a lot in Sidney, purchased from a G. Rembolt on October 17, 1863, price \$175. The last was February 10, 1902, when Christian bought 54 acres from Ella McSweeney.

On March 6, 1893, Christian and Barbara bought 158 acres northwest of Sidney in Franklin Township from the William Russell estate. This farm became the family home later that same year, although the Perry Township property was not sold until 1895. Christian continued to be active in the operation of his farm until his death.

Barbara survived her husband by several years. In 1921 she moved to Sidney, where she resided until her death. Margaret and the two little girls are buried at Graceland Cemetery in Sidney, Christian and Barbara at Pearl, near Swanders.

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Enders

I, Margaret Enders, of Perry Township, Shelby County, Ohio, do make this my last will and demise on this the 13th day of August 1878.

First, I will and bequeath unto my four beloved children, Jacob Henry, George, Charles and Emma Enders, all my lands, chattles, money and credits, to be equally divided betwixt them as they become of age.

Second, I hereby appoint Jacob Dormire and George Dormire, my brothers, as my legal agents, and as guardians of the above said lands and property of my said children, authorizing them to manage and ministrat the same to the best advantage for said children, keeping or disposing of the farm as deemed best for the children. And to keep the farm or the value there of in their own hands until the children become of age and then pay it to them as they become of age, or sooner if thought best for their welfare and happiness. This I injoin of said Jacob Dormire and George Dormire to faithfully perform. I hereby affix my name and hand to this my last will and testimony this the 13th day of August, 1878.

Attested in the
presence of

Margaret Enders

Elisha Dick

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witnesses

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The Sidney Daily News

June 25, 1902

Christian Enders, one of the pioneer residents of Shelby County died at his home in Franklin Township last evening about six o'clock after a few days illness. Sunday he was stricken with a slight attack of paralysis affecting his brain. Though able to be around, his mind seemed to be effected. He was 64 years of age and was born in Saxony, Germany. For many years he had been a resident of this county. Up until about twelve years ago he lived in Perry Township. Since that time he has lived in Franklin Township. He was married twice and is survived by his second wife. He was an industrious and prosperous farmer and owned one of the best farms in the neighborhood.

The funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment to be in the Pearl Cemetery, Swanders.

Last Will and Testament

Christian Enders

I, Christian Enders of Shelby County, Ohio, do make, publish and declare this as my last WILL and TESTAMENT.

1st. I give and bequeath to my wife, Barbara K. Enders all my personal property of whatsoever kind or quality, or wheresoever situate, including all notes, accounts, stocks and choses in action, the same to be hers absolutely.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my said wife Barbara K. Enders, for and during the period of her natural life, provided she so long remains my widow, the farm of about 158 acres of land situate in Franklin Township, Shelby County, Ohio, upon which we now reside.

3rd. At the death of my wife, or upon her marrying again after my death (in which event her said life estate as aforesaid shall cease and determine) I give devise and bequeath the said farm of 158 acres aforesaid, in fee simple, share and share alike to Sadie, Mary, Herman and Kate Enders (children of my second marriage) to them and their heirs.

4th. I give devise and bequeath to Jacob, George, Charles and Emma Enders (children of my first marriage) in equal shares to each, that piece of real estate I own in Sidney in said Shelby County aforesaid, fronting on Ohio Avenue, and bounded on the west by the canal, being a fractional part of section 36, town 8, range 6 east.

5th. I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife executrix of this my will without bond: she as such executrix to pay all my debts out of the personal property I may leave, the remaining part to go to her under item first here.

December 19, 1896

Christian Enders

The Sidney Daily News

July, 1938

Barbara King Enders, the daughter of John and Madgalena Sallsman King, was born February 16, 1845 near Dartown in Butler County, Ohio. At the age of nine she moved with her family to Iowa where she made her home until her marriage to Christian Enders on July 27, 1879. Moving to Shelby County, they lived on a farm near Tawawa until 1893, when they moved to the Enders farm on the Presbyterian Home Road northwest of Sidney... Mr. Enders passed away June 25th, 1902.

Sept. 19, 1902

Personal Goods and Chattles -- Estate of Christian Enders, Deceased

Number	Item	Value
3	Horses	\$200
5	Milk Cows	150
1	Bull	30
1	Steer	35
5	Young cattle	75
2	Calves	15
38	Shoats	228
5	Brood Sows	12
1	Boar	10
1	Farm Wagon	25
1	Grain Drill	5
1	Jagger Wagon	20
1	Corn Plow	15
1	Disk Harrow	10
1	Reaper	60
1	Mower	20
4	Breaking Plows	15
1	Cultivators	15
3	2 Plows & 1 Corn Planter	10
2	1 Bob Sled & 1 Hay Rake	10
1	Harrow and Roller	5
1	Carriage	40
2	Sets Wagon Harness	10
1	Set Wagon Maker Tools	20
10	Tons Loose Timothy Hay	100
600	Bushels Wheat	360
891	Bushels Oats	220
1500	Bushels Corn in Field	375

Appraisers
Wm. Milholland
M.R. Russell
G.F. Russell

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War Record of Christian Enders

Shelby County Recorder's Book of Military Discharges
Shelby County Court House, Sidney, Ohio

TO WHOM ALL IT MAY CONCERN

Know ye that Christian Enders, a private of Captain F. Schultz
Battery First Regiment of Ohio Artillery Volunteers, who was
enrolled on the 7th day of October 1861 to serve three years or
during the war is hereby discharged from the service of the
United States this 17th day of March 1863 at Murfreesboro,
Tennessee by reason of Surgeon's certificate of disability.

GENERAL LDS SOCIETY
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Said Christian Enders was born in Germany in the state of Saxony Weimar, is 24 years of age, five feet five and one half inches high, fair complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair, and by occupation when enrolled, a wagon maker.

Given at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, this 17th day of March 1863.
James G. Spears, Brig. Gen'l. 14th Army Corps

Taken from the 1913 Shelby County History and Biography

Regimental History

Battery M. First Ohio Light Artillery

Recruitments were made in the counties of Shelby, Miami and Auglaize by Captain F. Schultz, and organized at Camp Dennison in September 1861. It was mustered into the United States service by Captain P.H. Breslin, December 3, 1861. In January 1862, in company with Battery F, it proceeded to Louisville, Kentucky, and reported to Major General Buell, who was at that time organizing the Army of Ohio. The battery was ordered to join the main army at Bowling Green. It moved with the army to Nashville, and was there attached to the Artillery Reserve, Colonel Barnett commanding, with which it operated during the march to and the battle of Pittsburg Landing. It also took an active part in all the movements before Corinth, and after the evacuation of that place by the rebels, moved to Huntsville and Stevenson, Ala. In August 1862, it returned to Nashville and remained there as part of its garrison during Buell's march to Louisville and through Kentucky and until the return of the army to Nashville under General Rosecrans. The battery was then assigned to General Negley's division of the 14th Corps, and with that division took part in all the skirmishes preceding the battle of Stone River. It greatly distinguished itself in that engagement. When Rosecrans' army moved from Murfreesboro towards Tullahoma and Chatanooga, Battery M accompanied it and took part in all the skirmishes of that march. It also fought through the battle of Chickamauga and the subsequent victory of Mission Ridge. While in Nashville, it was recruited up to its maximum, and newly equipped with guns and horses. It was shortly thereafter again ordered to the field and on the 25th of June, 1864 joined the main army at Kenesaw, Ga. On July 22nd the battery joined General George H. Thomas' Fourth Army Corps at Peachtree Creek, having marched overland from Nashville. It was immediately placed in the trenches before Atlanta, where it remained until the flank movement against Jonesboro. From that time to the battle of Jonesboro, the battery was attached to the First Division of the Fourth Army Corps and took part in all its marches and skirmishes, pushing on with the army from Jonesboro to Lovejoy's where the battery took part in the engagement at the last named place. A few days thereafter the whole army was ordered back to Atlanta and while there the battery was relieved from duty and ordered to Chatanooga where it was mustered out of service October 1864.

2. Jacob Henry Enders

Florence Elizabeth Engle b. Apr. 17, 1874 d. Aug. 25, 1960

11. Lela Ann b. Dec. 24, 1891 m. Feb. 6, 1910 d.
12. Wilbur Lawrence b. May 27, 1898 m. June 12, 1921 d.
m. Aug. 7, 1937

Jacob was born in Sidney, Ohio, and came to Perry township in April, 1875, when barely eight years old. The trip, a distance of nine miles or so, was made on foot with his mother, two younger brothers, and sister. His father had gone on ahead with the team and wagon loaded with the family possessions. Jacob often spoke of the difficult journey, and the hardships endured by his mother and the younger children-- George, five years of age, Emma Caroline, three, and Charles, thirteen months. All were barefoot, and the path they followed was in many places deep mud, after the spring thaw. The family settled on a farm south of Pemberton. It was here that Jacob experienced probably the greatest tragedy of his life-- the death of his mother. She was a gentle, kindly woman whose short life made a lasting impression and influence for good on her children. Jacob recalled his father as a harsh disciplinarian, firm in the belief "Spare the rod and spoil the child". Being the oldest, and unwilling to see the smaller children punished, Jacob often confessed to misdemeanors he did not commit to spare them. Sometimes in addition to the usual thrashing, his father would banish him to bed without his supper. In this case, his mother, after the rest of the family slept, never failed to slip to his bedside with food and words of comfort.

Home conditions grew worse for Jacob after his mother died; his father remarried, and there was little understanding between Jacob and his stepmother. Finally, at the age of sixteen, he left the parental home to make his own way. On a thirty-five acre plot he built a one-room shelter, and began the laborious task of farming with the barest of crude implements. It was on this same thirty-five acres that Jacob lived his entire life, where his children were born, and where he and his wife died.

Jacob lived a lonely existance for seven years in his humble cabin before marrying. Florence was the oldest child of Elisha and Leah Boblitt Engle. Other children were Vincent, Samuel, Della, wife of Henry Beemer, and May, wife of Arch Miller. The family lived north of Pemberton, and later moved near Anna, Ohio. The early Engles were among the pioneer families of this continent, coming to Lancaster, Pennsylvania shortly after 1720 from the Rhine Palatinate in Germany. Records show they fought on the side of freedom in the Revolutionary War.

After their marriage, Jacob began construction of a house for himself and his wife. By the time their second child was born they were more comfortably situated and gradually added other farm buildings, an orchard and vineyard. Although Jacob was able to

attend public school for only a short time, he was an avid reader and made up in self-instruction much of what he lacked in formal education. He had a keen analytical mind and a remarkable memory, both of which served him well to the end of his life. He wrote long interesting letters to members of his family and delighted in receiving correspondence in return. He kept an incredible number of financial records, in his lifetime he filled many ledgers, posting every cent of income and each item of expense, even to the purchase of (at that time) a penny postal card. Jacob possessed an unfailing sense of humor and after figuring their small profit at the close of each year, he would comment, "Well, we didn't make as much as I'd hoped for, but it's more than I expected..."

The interests of the couple centered about their home, family and each other. They lived a thrifty, almost frugal life, due in part perhaps to Jacob's memories of his early struggle for existance. He remembered too, and disapproved of the severe punishment code prevalent in his father's generation. He recalled that only once did he ever use physical force to reprimand either of his children, and that occasion he deeply regretted. Indeed he often intervened in behalf of his children or grandchildren, with his wife - whose worst weapon even when sorely tried was a limber peach sprout. He would say soothingly, "Let it go this time, Florence, I'm sure he (or she) will try to do better...."

Jacob was never active in public life, though interested in local and public affairs. His industry, integrity and high sense of justice earned him the respect and esteem of all who knew him. The couple were members of the Pemberton Baptist Church, where Jacob frequently taught the Men's Bible Class. He was justifiably proud of his record of 16 years perfect Sunday School attendance. He and Florence observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary, plus seven years. At the time of Jacob's death, they owned in addition to the home farm, an adjoining eighty, and had owned for a short time, forty acres west of Anna.

Both passed away of the complications of advanced years and are buried at Cedar Point Cemetery, Pasco.

3. George Christian Enders

Bessie Kelley

b. Mar. 22, 1870

d. Sept. 2, 1957

13. Ruth Lenore b. Oct. 26, 1903 m. May 30, 1936 d.

(Excerpts taken from Biography compiled by A. Foster Moon)
George was born in Sidney, and moved to a farm in Perry township at an early age. After the death of his mother and his father's remarriage, he left home, living for a time with his uncle Jacob Dormire, and also his brother Jacob. The rest of his adolescent years were spent with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Dormire in Champaign county. Thus he obtained his elementary schooling in Sidney, and Perry, Green and Adams townships' schools.

In his writings, George says he early made his decision to obtain a higher education if possible, thinking of entering the practice of law, or some such profession. After borrowing forty dollars from his brother Jacob, he entered the National Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio, and studied to become a public school teacher. He obtained his first teacher's certificate in Shelby County in 1889, and his first position was a spring quarter session at the New Palestine one room school in Green Township. In the summer of 1889, he returned to Lebanon for further study, coming back to the same school for the fall session. It was during this time that the New Palestine Church asked for the privilege of presenting him to the Miami Ohio Christian Conference as a prospective Christian minister. He was received in that conference as a licentiate in 1892, and for ordination in 1894. In his memoirs, George refers to his favorite study spot in his brother Jacob's woods (quote) "Where a stump served alternately for a study and as a speaker's platform from which I delivered declamations, made impromptu speeches, preached sermons, and delivered what I thought were orations." His audience consisted of a pet dog which barked vigorously at him, sometimes applauding, sometimes heckling, or so it seemed to the speaker.

He left the one room school, and served as superintendent at the Pemberton schools the two years of 1891 and 1892. He was next employed at the Lockington school. It was then he decided he needed an assistant and accordingly married. Bessie was the daughter of Civil War Veteran Solomon Kelley and his wife, Caroline Swallow Kelley. George and Bessie spent their honeymoon at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

In 1894 the couple moved to Ada, Ohio, and attended the Ohio Normal School. George was supply minister at the Christian Church in St. John, finally moving there and teaching at the local school. From there in 1898, they moved to Oberlin, Ohio, where he continued for six years his study for the ministry. During these years he served the near-by Pittsfield Christian Church. This church building along with the entire village was destroyed by a tornado on Palm Sunday night, 1965.

In 1904, George graduated, but his health had failed to the point where one Doctor had given him only a few years to live. For a short time he toured the middle and plain states, finally returning to Oberlin. Then in a continued search for better health, he and Bessie and their seventeen month old daughter journeyed northwest into Canada, living for a short time in Calgary, eventually settling farther north in a newly inhabited farm area. Again his memoirs tell an almost incredible story of their primitive living on a Canadian farm. Fortunately his health improved, and he soon took additional responsibility by serving a local church as its pastor. After five months in Canada, the family moved to Merom, Indiana, where George entered the faculty of Union Christian College. He taught subjects in the field of Christian Education from 1905 to 1907. Securing a leave of absence, he and his family moved to Jireh, Wyoming, where a pioneer village and college were being formed in a new area just being settled by homesteaders.

He became president of the college and administered its construction and establishment of its curriculum and faculty. After two seasons at Jireh, it was time to return to Union College at Merom. But just then came the call to Defiance College, in Defiance, Ohio, as Professor of English Language and Literature. Thus in 1909 George began the career he had always longed to pursue, that of teaching in the field of Christian higher education.

His daughter writes, "His reason for doing this was simple. He believed he could accomplish more through teaching than by merely preaching. He believed that teaching offered him a much wider opportunity to both preach and teach Christian ideals to young people and to help them to see and learn the rewards of living a good life.."

In 1913, George received an honorary doctor of divinity degree at Elon, North Carolina. He later became Dean of the Christian and Biblical Institute of Defiance College and served in this position to his retirement in 1941. He was listed in Who's Who in American and in Who's Who in Education and Religion. After retirement he retained the privilege of teaching some classes and continued to enter into the college life at his home near the campus. He also wrote for a quarterly church school magazine published by the Dayton Christian Publishing Association, and composed a series of newspaper articles on events in his life, his teaching and other interesting and humorous experiences.

A special event in his life was a trip to Europe as a member of the Sherwood Eddy's American Seminar in 1927. At the same time he served as a delegate to the World Conference of faith and honor which was held in Lusanne, Switzerland. Another highlight was at the laying of the cornerstone of the Defiance College Library, where he gave the invocation, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower the address. Three years later at the dedication, President Eisenhower's brother, Dr. Milton D. Eisenhower spoke.

In 1959 the \$500,000 Student Union Building for the 1,100 students of Defiance College Campus was named the George Enders Building.

George and Bessie observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1953, and Bessie passed away four years later. George lived to the ripe old age of 96, spending his last few years in the River Rest Home in Defiance. Both are buried at Cedar Point Cemetery, Pasco, Ohio.

It is interesting to note the numerous marriages in the family which were performed by Dr. George Enders. The ceremonies at which he officiated are as follows:

1902 Charles Enders to Daisy Pence

1908 Sadie Enders to Charles Richards

1914 Kathryn Enders to Harry Bruhn

1915 Mary Enders to Frank Pfaadt
1916 Herman Enders to Yetta Seddig
1930 Charles Enders to Bertha Roley
1934 Martha Pfaadt to George Kaser, Jr.
1936 Ruth Enders to Rodney Reid
1937 Wilbur Enders to Lucile Snider
1942 Frances Richards to Robert Stockstill.
1947 Charles Enders to Rosa Frasure
1958 Rita Enders to Vernon Gilfillen Jr.

Jeannette Richards and Minor Dow had hoped to speak their wedding vows before Dr. Enders, but a conflict in engagements made it impossible.

5. Nicholas Chas. Enders

Daisy Pence b. Sept. 10, 1879 d. Sept. 28, 1926

14. Christian Henry b. June 26, 1910 d. June 26, 1910
15. Clara Margaret b. April 9, 1912 d. May 27, 1926

Nicholas Chas. Enders

Bertha Roley b. Nov. 11, 1877 d. June 29, 1941

No Issue

Nicholas Chas. Enders

Clara Rose Kull Frasure b. July 27, 1888 d.

No Issue

Charles was born in Sidney and came to Perry Township shortly after his first birthday. He attended District I, and later was a student at the University of Lebanon for several months. Like his older brothers, he left home at an early age. For some time he lived with his brother, Jacob, and while here learned the trades of painting and paper-hanging. After his return from Lebanon he followed these trades for seven years, then bought his first farm of 94 acres in Perry Township and became engaged in farming. Charles added to his holdings until at the time of his death, he owned 360 acres of valuable land, all near Pemberton, Ohio. He served as Perry Township Clerk for a number of years, and was Clerk of the Pemberton School Board for a time.

Daisy was the older daughter of Noah and Clara Wibel Pence. They lived north of Pemberton, and had one other daughter, Mary.

Charles' life held more tragedy than any other of Christian's family. His little son lived less than a day, and his daughter was killed in a train accident. His first wife suffered injuries in the same accident which later proved fatal. In May, 1926, the family was enroute home from a farewell reception given for a retiring minister of the Pemberton Baptist Church, when their car was struck by an east bound freight train at the Pemberton crossing. Charles had observed a west bound passenger train, but drove on the track in the path of the second locomotive. Clara Margaret was burned to death and Daisy severely hurt, barely surviving. Charles was not injured.

The family was members of the Pemberton Baptist Church, and attended regularly. Charles was a teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

The lives of Christian's four older children remained closely knit through the years, but there was a special devotion among the three brothers. An example of this rapport is displayed in the following.. Jacob, though deeply religious and faithful in church attendance, was never able to offer public prayer. Charles, who could give a moving and beautiful extemporaneous prayer, was aware of this fact. Consequently, whenever "Brother Jake Enders" was called to lead in prayer, Charles would promptly rise and begin to pray! (As a small girl, it was always the concern of the writer just what Grandpa would ever do if Uncle Charlie should be absent. There is no recollection this ever happened.)

Both Bertha and Rose were from Lancaster, Ohio. Bertha was in poor health for several years before her death, suffering from Hypertension. Rose is presently residing in a nursing home located near her only son at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Charles enjoyed good health nearly all of his ninety years; he was very near the end of his long life when he began to fail, both mentally and physically. His final days were spent in the Saint Marys Nursing Home in Auglaize County, O. The graves of Charles, Daisy, Bertha and both children are at Cedar Point Cemetery, near Pasco.

6. Emma Elizabeth Enders

Aunt Emma never married, but began her long life of service early in the capacity of "hired girl" to neighboring families. Later she determined to become a registered nurse, and went to Christ Hospital, Cincinnati to study and work. In 1904 she graduated in the first class of nurses from that hospital. Emma was a Red Cross nurse in France, in World War I, and upon her return to the states she went to Flower Hospital, Toledo, where she was superintendent of nurses. In 1931 she came again to Cincinnati, where she supervised the Christ Hospital Record Room until her retirement in 1951.

Emma's interests were many and varied. She did much social work in the basin area of Cincinnati, teaching music lessons and religious classes among the under privileged children. As long as she was able, each niece and nephew, down to the "great - greats" was remembered each Christmas, and Aunt Emma was loved and respected by all.

In later years her home was a room in the living quarters of Christ Hospital, where as a retired deaconess she was privileged to live. Five years before her death, she was removed to the hospital section, where at the advanced age of ninety years, she passed away.

7. Sadie Taylor Enders

Chas. Foster Richards b. Dec. 3, 1881 d. June 27, 1966

16. Jeannette	b. July 5, 1909	m. May 10, 1932	d.
17. Frances	b. Feb. 9, 1911	m. Apr. 2, 1942	d.
18. John Walden	b. Aug. 4, 1921	m. Dec 20, 1946	d.
19. Mary Kathryn	b. Aug. 2, 1923	m. Jun 15, 1947	d.

(Biography written by Jeannette Richards Dow)

Sadie was the eldest child of Christian and Barbara and was born in the Enders home east of Sidney, near Palestine (now Tawawa) Ohio. She first attended school at District I in Perry Township, and at the age of twelve moved with her parents to the homestead north of Sidney on the Cisco Pike. Further education was received in the West School, or District II of Franklin Township.

The present of a bicycle made it possible for her to ride to Sidney and learn the dressmaking trade under the guidance of Meriah Stubber. With this skill she helped her mother fashion the clothing for the family and when her younger sister, Kathryn, enrolled at Ohio Northern University, she complimented Sadie by saying that her wardrobe was the most beautiful of anyone in the school.

Sadie's older sister, Emma, was influential in her decision to enter the Nurse Training at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. A letter from her close friend, Jeannette Gang reads - "At the hospital, in Cincinnati, Sadie is called the Dresden Shepherdess because of her beautiful complexion and reddish hair.." A report card from the school of nursing in 1904 carried a record of her very excellent progress and achievements.

Following her graduation at Christ Hospital, Sadie did nursing in the community of Sidney, where she endeared herself to many patients. Her marriage to Charles was the next event, and for their wedding trip the couple traveled by the C.H. & D. to Detroit, Michigan and Belle Isle. Charles was the son of Jacob W. and Martha McClure Richards. Other children were Emma, wife of Grant Ike, Lorenzo, and Nora, wife of Franklin Hill.

Charles and Sadie established their residence in a new six room house just completed for them on the Richards homestead, located on the St. Mary's Pike five miles north of Sidney. Jeannette and Frances were born here, and the two younger children were born in the Jacob Richards residence where the family moved in 1920. Two years later they moved into Sidney at 306 Park Street, when Charles took employment with the Shelby County Farm Bureau. Sadie's mother, Barbara, made her home with them here for several years, which enabled her to resume her nursing career. It was through Sadie's work in this field that she made many lifelong friends.

From 1939 until 1953 Charles and Sadie resided in Kenton, Ohio, where he was associated with the Hardin County Farm Bureau. Upon Charles' retirement, they returned to Sidney, where he remained active as long as his health permitted about their home and farm.

Sadie's love of people and activity made her a member of many church and community organizations - The Methodist Churches, both in Sidney and Kenton, Ohio, The Order of the Eastern Star, Pleiades Chapter, No. 298 and Latham Chapter in Kenton, The Daughters of the Union Veterans, Susan Mercer Warwick Tent, the Zetetic Club in Kenton, and other local clubs in Sidney.

Although active in various projects outside the home, Sadie's primary concern was for the welfare of her family. Her home reflected her gracious personality - where the children were happily reared, and where hospitality was extended to all. She and Charles shared a close companionship all their married life, and were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1958.

Sadie was extremely energetic and enjoyed excellent health except for a broken ankle during their time in Kenton, and a broken hip at a later date. Her recovery was complete from both of these mishaps, and it was abdominal surgery in 1964 that resulted in her terminal illness. Charles failed rapidly after her death and passed away shortly more than a year later. They are both buried at Pearl Cemetery, Swanders, Ohio.

8. Mary Wilson Enders
Frank M. Pfaadt b. July 1, 1885 d. Nov. 20, 1968

Biography written by Frances Richards Stockstill.

(Note: Before her marriage Barbara King had worked as a domestic and companion in more than one home of affluence and refinement. She was ever grateful for these opportunities for education in social amenities. The high regard in which she held these people and the fine relationship she enjoyed is attested to by her act of giving the middle names of Taylor and Wilson, respectively, to her first two children.)

Mary or Mayme as everyone in the family fondly called her, attended the local district school there until she was about ten years old when the family moved to the farm north of Sidney on the Cisco pike. I presume she completed the eight grades usual for that time because she matriculated in Miami University at Oxford, Ohio at some time, but stayed only for a short period. Very probably she was not quite prepared for the academic demands nor the social adjustments and homesickness led to her dropping out. But she would have enjoyed and profited by a formal education. She loved to learn and was eager to try new ideas. Her great charm lay in her ability to share this interest and enthusiasm with others.

Mary was strong and capable and eager to take responsibility. She was heavily depended upon at home until in her mid-twenties. She then left to take the nurses training at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati as her two older sisters had done before her. She finished in 1912 and became a registered nurse which profession she practiced in the vicinity of Sidney. Nursing provided the perfect instrument for her natural compassion, her sensitivity and generous concern for others.

In 1915 she married Frank M. Pfaadt, with his little Martha, two years old, and went to live in the Pfaadt homestead four miles north of Sidney. With them then was the elder Mrs. Pfaadt, a terminal cancer patient; and Mary was at once step-mother, daughter-in-law, bride and nurse in the most difficult of situations. She reared Martha as her own. Few little girls were so beautifully dressed or had such a complete playhouse. Mayme loved children and they, of course loved her. She was the first to answer a baby's cry, put butter on a burn, mend a tear or do anything else required to assuage the distress of a little child. When company came she took to the floor with the little ones; and long after their home was childless there were new toys to bring out for little visitors.

Mary was the nurse for every baby born to her neighbors and she loved and took a special interest in them as long as she lived. Wherever there was trouble or grief she appeared with food and comfort as one with an extra sense to perceive where she could help. This selfless service she handled as part of her day, for she never missed helping with the milking or caring for her chickens and garden. She always had a fryer big enough to eat on July 1st, her husband's birthday and invariably raised the first ripe tomato in the neighborhood.

She did intricate and elegant handwork and lots of it. She worked perfectly and fast. When my sister and I moved into the first real room of our own she appliqued Alice-in-Wonderland characters up and down the borders of the curtains. Later when we were teenagers she embroidered colorful dresser scarves and bridge table covers for us. She cared for all Martha's cousins like this.

Every piece of Martha's linen trousseau was monogrammed. She was always at it. Yet, when she was gone there was hardly a piece in her closet. And she crocheted and even knitted rugs. When Russell Bruhn went to college she sent him a huge rag rug for his room.

She was one of the first leaders of the 4-H Club movement in Shelby County. She lead a sewing club and planned so many interesting things that we who were in it hardly remember sewing. Membership in a Garden Club gave her great joy. A summer visit there always included a stroll along the border accompanied by a jolly recital of botanical names. Her husband took an interest and sank an old tank so she could grow water lilies. When she was invited to join the Tourist Club she was so conscientious that she made a trip to Carey, Ohio to visit a real shrine in order to equip herself for her first program.

She was a loving, understanding person whose entire life was dedicated to others, but she was always overcome with surprise and gratitude when people accorded her any special attention. She sent this poem accompanied by a picture of herself to one of her dearest friends. It's a little gift- the poem and picture mounted on a wooden background to make a piece to hang - which has recently come to me.

"I do not count the years before
The splendid year in which we met
My life began when I first knew
That I possessed a friend like you
The day and hour I'll ne'er forget."

There were many, many who felt the same way about her. Her untimely death occurred when she was only fifty-six. But for a couple of years following her marriage, she had frequently sought medical aid; however, by the time her real trouble was diagnosed, it was too late to save her life. She was operated on in September and died the following August. Mary is buried at Pearl Cemetery near her parents.

9. John Herman Enders

Yetta Hannah Seddig b. Mar. 8, 1891

d. MAY 12, 1976

20. Mary Jane b. Aug. 28, 1919 m. June 2, 1945 d.

21. Josephine Barbarab. Oct. 25, 1921 m. Sept 13 1947 d.

22. John Herman II b. July 9, 1930 m. June 26 1960 d.

Herman was born in Perry township, and moved to Franklin township at the age of seven. He began his schooling at District No. 1 in Perry township, and later attended District No. 2 in Franklin township. Both were one room schools, and Herman recalls that as he entered the door at No. 1, his eyes were always drawn to the menacing row of hickory switches hanging on the wall. These were applied almost daily to the backs of the older and nearly incorrigible youths by the stern school master, Harve DeWeese. Herman would become so terrified at this display of discipline that his sister Sadie, with whom he shared a seat, would hold

her large Geography book in front of his face. Even so, whatever desire Herman might have had for education was very nearly erased by his observations at No. 1.

When he was but a lad of 16, his father died, and Herman took over the operation of the 214 acre farm. In 1905, he went to the Winona Lake Extension Institute in Indiana, and took a course of study in agriculture. Herman speaks of his home life with many happy memories. He remembers that as long as his father lived, the family conversed in German at all times. The only boy in the family, he was often called upon to escort one or all of his three sisters, and perhaps their friends to the many social events of more than fifty years ago. These included bob sledding, spelling bees, ice skating, and various church functions. In any case, it was always his task to harness and hitch the horse (or horses) to whatever conveyance was used for transportation, and to care for them upon the return home. Herman accepted the many duties imposed upon him by his sisters with graceful resignation - being both good-natured and hopelessly out-numbered.

Yetta was born in Elbing, Germany, and came to the States in 1911. She graduated from the Grant Hospital School of Nursing with the class of 1916, a remarkable achievement for one so new to the language and customs of the United States. She and Herman established their first home with Herman's mother. Yetta confesses that she was most unfamiliar with the many arts of home-making, especially in a farm home, and that in the early days of her wedded life, she was often grateful for the guidance of her mother-in-law. After about five years, Herman's mother left the farm, and took up residence in Sidney, where she lived until her death. In 1939, Herman and Yetta purchased and moved to the Orange township farm where they resided until 1967.

Herman was always interested, and took an active part in community affairs. He was one of the earliest members of the Shelby County Farm Bureau, and served four years as president of the board. He aided in the organization of the Production Credit Association, and also the Pioneer Rural Co-op. He was appointed Conciliation Commissioner for Shelby County by the late Judge Nevil of Dayton, and served in that capacity for four years. The Conciliation Commission was established by the Federal Government during the Depression of the thirties to curb the high rate of bankruptcy among farm families at that time. It was the duty of the local Commissioner to intervene in many cases with the creditors of a distressed farmer and grant him five years under federal protection to repay his debts and save his farm. Herman reflects that his experience as Conciliation Commissioner was both interesting and rewarding. He regrets however, that such a commission was not organized sooner, as many good farmers were wiped out before it came into existence.

Herman was on the Sidney Board of Education eight years, and served as president for three years. After moving to Orange township he was clerk of the Orange Township School Board for six years.

Despite his many and notable community endeavors, Herman did not neglect his family and home. He and Yetta are and have always been interested in and devoted to their children, taking very seriously the responsibility of rearing them to worthwhile adulthood.

The couple hold membership in the First Methodist Church in Sidney and participated in the affairs of the church as long as their health allowed. Herman was active in committee work and they were members of Mr. and Mrs. Inc..

In 1952, a heart attack forced Herman's retirement from active farming and more recently, Yetta has been handicapped by Arthritis. In November 1966, Herman and Yetta observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The painful decision to leave their farm home was made in 1967 when the health of both had failed to the point where they could no longer reside in the country. For about a year they lived in an apartment in Sidney, but by then their physical conditions had become more frail, and they are now being cared for in a nursing home in the east near the children.

10. Kathryn Rosanna Enders
Harry Dornblazer Bruhn b. Feb. 14, 1890 d. Mar. 8, 1941
23. Russell Harry b. Oct. 28, 1919 m. d.

(Biography written by Jeannette Richards Dow)
Katie was enrolled as Kathryn in the school records, and called "Kits" by members of her family. She was the youngest child of Christian and Barbara, and was four years old when the family moved from the home near Palestine to the homestead on the Cisco Pike.

Their close neighbors were the Russell family and Kits was often in their home playing the organ for John, Mose, Elizabeth, and Martha. It was for this family that she later named her only son, Harry Russell Bruhn.

There is a souvenir from the Franklin Township District II School, known as the west school, which carries her name and that of her brother Herman in 1901 - 1902. During the following years the records she kept contain much clever poetry written about the animals, people and events which comprised her life at this time.

In 1908 she was in Ohio Northern University where she lived in Wells House. There is a record of her completion of a course of training at Metropolitan College of Music Elocution and Drama in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1912, and a later record of her earnings of \$36.00 for sixteen days of teaching music in Perry Township. She drove a horse and buggy as her means of transportation from one school to another in the area.

Kits Ohio Northern days provided the romance which culminated in her marriage to Harry. Their early married life was spent in Cicero, Illinois, where Harry was employed with the Western Electric Company. After the birth of their son, they moved to New Jersey where they lived until Harry's death, which took place in Arizona.

Friends, music and Sunday School teaching occupied Katie's time while they lived in the east, as well as her devotion to her husband and son. During the winter of 1930 her niece, Jeannette Richards made her home with the Bruhn's.

Following Harry's death, Katie lived in Wheeling, West Virginia for a time and has now moved to the Bethesda Nursing Home in Media, Pennsylvania. She continues to play the piano for the enjoyment of the other residents of the home.

(Clipping from Sidney Daily News Sept. 8, 1914)

WEDDING SOLEMNIZED MONDAY MORNING

Miss Katherine Enders becomes the bride of Harry D. Bruhn of Chicago. Ceremony performed by bride's brother.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, when Miss Kathryn Enders, the youngest daughter of Mrs. C. Enders, became the bride of Mr. Harry D. Bruhn, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Bruhn of Wheeling, West Virginia, at the home of the bride's mother north of Sidney, Rev. G.C. Enders of Defiance, a brother of the bride, performing the ceremony. Miss Adeline Lunn sweetly sang during the ceremony.

The happy young couple left Monday for a wedding trip to West Virginia where they will visit with his parents in Wheeling.

The bride is a very efficient young lady, having taken a two year's course in the Ohio Normal University and a one year course in the Metropolitan College of Music at Cincinnati. She has been engaged as a teacher of music in public schools.

The groom graduated from the Department of Electrical Engineering at the Ohio Normal University in 1912 and since that time has held a good position with the Western Electric Company in Chicago.

The out-of-town guests here to attend the wedding were: Misses Emma Enders and Inez Bates of Toledo, Rev. and Mrs. G.C. Enders and daughter Ruth of Defiance.

The following announcements have been issued:

Mrs. Barbara Enders
announces the marriage of her
daughter
Katherine R.
to
Mr. Harry D. Bruhn
Monday, September Seventh
Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen
Sidney, Ohio

(announcement con't)

At Home
After Sept. 20th
4934 W. 23rd Place, Cicero, Ill.

11. Lela Ann Enders
Frank R. Struble b. Oct. 4, 1886 d. July 20, 1963

24. Chester Arthur b. June 22, 1911 m. May 1, 1949 d.

Lela was born and has lived all her life in Perry Township. She attended the one room school, District No. 1, and was not absent or tardy one day in eight years. The school was about a mile from her home, and Lela walked there and back to attain the perfect attendance record. Frank was the son of Emanuel and Sarah Struble, Shelby County residents. He followed the vocation of farming all his life, retiring only a few years before his death.

In 1960 the couple were privileged to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. A unique feature of the occasion was the presence of Lela's mother - Florence Engle Enders - who lived to participate in her daughter's 50th Anniversary festivities.

Lela and her husband were well known and liked in the community where they lived over half a century. Frank is remembered by all as an obliging and generous neighbor. Lela continues to reside in their home, just north of her parents homestead. She has a wide circle of friends and enjoys traveling and visiting. Recently she was recognized for 60 plus years perfect attendance at the Shelby County Fair.

12. Wilbur Lawrence Enders
Lenore Gochenour b. Feb. 8, 1903 d. May 22, 1927

25. Mary Barbara b. Nov. 5, 1922 m. July 14, 1938 d.

Lucile Ellen Snider b. Mar. 7, 1905 d.

26. Rita Lee b. Sept 16, 1940 m. Sept 21, 1958 d.

27. Alta Rae b. Aug. 31, 1942 d. Mar. 29, 1943

Wilbur was born in Shelby County and began his primary education at District No. 1 in Perry Township. Later he attended school in Pemberton, and went from there to Rosewood. He embarked on a teaching career at the age of 18, and advanced to the position of pre-vocational instructor in a Lima school for boys. He completed his high school course at the same time, receiving his diploma from Rosewood High School. He studied at Defiance College and also Ohio State University. In October 1918 he enlisted in the United States Army, Student Training Corps.

While in Defiance, Wilbur met his first wife, Lenore, and they were married two years later. Lenore was born near Buckland in Auglaize County and was the eldest child of William and Della Sillin Gochenour. Wilbur and Lenore established their first home in Cincinnati, where he began the first of 37 years spent in the United States Postal Service. From there he was transferred to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for two years. In 1923, he was promoted to the Office of Chief Clerk, Indianapolis, Indiana. Four years later Lenore passed away.

Ten years later, Wilbur married his present wife. Lucile is the daughter of Ed and Loretta Rayman Snider. The Sniders were natives of Washington, Indiana, and had one son, Rayman, who resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 1939, Wilbur went to Chicago, Illinois, and it was here the couple's younger daughter was born, and passed away seven months later. After ten years the family returned again to Indianapolis. Each move represented an advance for Wilbur, and his final promotion took him to the city where he began, Cincinnati, Ohio, this time to occupy the position of Assistant Regional Transportation Manager for Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio.

Wilbur retired in 1958. He and Lucile had previously begun remodeling the buildings on the home farm of his parents where they moved and presently reside. Since retirement he has served four years in the capacity of Clerk-Treasurer for the Fairlawn Local School Board. In 1965, he was elected First Vice President of Retired Civil Employees at the convention in Columbus, Ohio. For the 1967-68 term, he was elected President. They are members of the United Methodist Church, Sidney, Ohio.

13. Ruth Lenore Reid
Rodney Clay Reid (Divorced)

28. James Enders Reid b. Oct. 2, 1938 m. Feb. 27, 1962 d.
m. Oct. 27, 1967

Ruth was born near Oberlin, Ohio. Later she moved with her parents to Jireh, Wyoming, where her education was begun in the first grade there. She graduated from Defiance High School, and in 1925 from Defiance College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Science. In 1934, Ruth graduated from Ohio State University in Columbus with a Master of Arts degree in Education. Her teaching career began at Farmer High School, Farmer, Ohio, and she taught 13 years in Ohio. For a time, she was Home Economics and English teacher in Perry Township, Shelby County, Ohio.

Ruth is now residing in California near her son and his family. She spent 22 years with the teaching staff of the Van Dyke Public Schools of Warren, Michigan, where she worked in the Junior High School Libraries. Also the South Macomb Community College Library of Warren, Michigan, and at the same time teaching in Lincoln Junior High and Wolcott Junior High in the same school system.

16. Jeannette Richards
Minor Toy Dow b. Nov. 14, 1903 d. Aug 12, 1972
29. Stephen Douglas b. Mar. 18, 1934 m. June 20, 1959 d.
30. Richard William b. Nov. 14, 1936 m. Feb. 1, 1958 d.
m. Dec. 1969

Jeannette was born in the family home of the Richards homestead five miles north of Sidney, O.. She was named for her mother's close friend Jeannette Fredericka Gang.

Early schooling was obtained at the Mc Clure School in Turtle Creek Township, to which she walked with her younger sister, Frances, until they were old enough to drive their own horse. After passing the Boxwell examination in 1921 she attended Sidney High School, and following this had training in Miami Jacobs Business College in Dayton, Ohio. After working at the Peoples Savings and Loan Association in Sidney for a period of time, she spent a winter with her Aunt Kits in New Jersey and attended a Decorating School in New York.

Jeannette's husband, Minor Toy Dow, was the son of Samuel and Fanny Toy Dow.

He graduated from Sidney High School and attended the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, O.. Minor was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and did much solo work and choir direction in the community. Most of his productive years were spent with Chrysler Airtemp Corp. and Airmaze Corp. of Cleveland, O.

Both children of the couple were born in Sidney. When Richard was quite young, the family moved to Dayton, O., where they lived until their move to Washington D.C. where they lived during the war years. In 1945 they returned again to Trotwood, Ohio, and resided here for three years, until Minor joined the Airmaze Corp. and at that time their residence was changed to Pleasant Ridge, Michigan.

Jeannette's activities have centered around her home and family and especially the projects of her sons. She has done volunteer work in the hospital, and was a member of Ridgedale Players in Oak Park, Michigan. In Sidney, they were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Michigan the Presbyterian Church... For about ten years, Jeannette and Minor worked in the interior decorating field, operating their own shop in Birmingham, Michigan.

In March of 1968, they moved to Nevada to be near their son Stephen, and now reside at Incline Village near Lake Tahoe.

17. Frances Richards
Robert Harmon Stockstill b. Feb. 15, 1911 d.
31. Philip Kent b. Oct. 2, 1943 m. d.
32. Mark Richards b. June 22, 1945 m. May 27, 1967 d.

Frances Richards Stockstill, the second child, was born on the J. W. Richards farm five miles north of Sidney in the little house that the elder Richards had built for his son, Charles, upon his marriage. No middle names were given to these first two daughters. She received her early schooling in the one-room school house known as the Mc Clure School in Turtle Creek Township, except for the term of the fifth grade when she and Jeannette attended Central School in Sidney, living with their Grandmother Enders there during the school week. When the family moved to the 306 Park Street address in Sidney, Ohio in 1923, she entered the Sidney schools graduating from Sidney High School in 1928.

Post graduate business courses at the high school and part-time work at the Farm Bureau Office in Sidney occupied the first year beyond high school and enabled her to enter Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with the class of '33 to start teacher training. She attended Miami University for a year and one-half and was affiliated with Delta Delta Delta sorority. Another year's work at Dayton Junior Teacher's College in Dayton, Ohio, completed requirements for a teaching certificate and she taught her first year at Cecil School west of Hardin, Shelby County, one of the last remaining one-room schools in the county. The three following years were spent at Orange Township and three more at Central School in Sidney.

During this period, and for several years, Jeannette and Frances operated a School Book Exchange in Sidney for a few weeks prior to the opening of schools where students could sell their used texts and buy used ones for the next year.

For one year prior to her marriage Frances made her home with her sister and brother-in-law - Jeannette and Minor Dow, in Dayton, and worked at Chrysler Airtemp in the office of the Service Department.

In 1942, she was married to Robert Harmon Stockstill, the son of Oscar and Josephine Gretzinger Stockstill of Sidney, Ohio. The marriage took place in the Richards home which at this time was in Kenton, Ohio. Dayton became their home. Their son Philip Kent was born there and while Mark Richards was born in Kenton, Ohio in 1945, his address has always been Dayton. During the years between 1946 and 1952 they moved temporarily back to the Park Street address in Sidney and Robert commuted to his work at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. In 1952 they returned to Dayton living for two years on Laurel Drive before they moved to their present home at 1313 Harvard Blvd. in 1955.

After her boys entered college the opportunity presented itself for Frances to continue her college work also. Over the following years as time permitted she completed the requirements for a Bachelor Degree in Education and was graduated from Wright State University in 1970.

The family activities centered largely around sports and their church, the Grace United Methodist Church, where all were active members. Frances is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the Dayton Alumnae of Delta Delta Delta, the Pleiades Chapter No. 298 of the Order of the Eastern Star and Dayton College Club.

Philip was born in Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton. He attended Sidney Public School for three years, and obtained the rest of his elementary education in Dayton, graduating from Colonel White High School in 1961. For one year he attended Mt. Union College in Alliance, then transferring to Ohio State University. He was affiliated with Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity and was active in intramural sports. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1970 and has taken a position with the Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, California.

18. John Richards

Betty Louise Lamphear b. Aug. 5, 1929 d.

- 33. Mary Suzanne b. Aug. 2, 1948 m. Sept. 14, 1968 d.
- 34. Barbara Kaye b. June 6, 1949 m. d.
- 35. John Charles b. Jan. 18, 1953 m. d.
- 36. James Alan b. Apr. 3, 1959 m. d.

John Walden Richards has the initials of his Grandfather Richards, but the name Walden came from a beloved patient of his mother's, Bishop Walden. John was born on the Richards homestead and moved with the family to Sidney in 1923. He went to the 3rd Ward Elementary School and graduated from Sidney High School where he had been on the track team and a member of the Band.

His further training was continued at Lincoln Aeronautical Institute in Lincoln, Nebraska. During World War II, he was in the service of the U.S. Navy and stationed on the Island of Guam for a time. Following the service, he returned again to Lincoln Aeronautical Institute where he completed his requirements for airplane mechanics service.

He was married to Betty Louise Lamphear, whose birthplace was Cass County, Nebraska. The first year of their married life was spent in Kenton, Ohio, from where they moved to the Richards homestead where they lived and reared their four children. John purchased the farm after the death of his parents and remained there until the marriage of his daughter, Suzanne. At that time, he and the rest of his family moved to Tipp City, Ohio, to be near his place of employment. For the past number of years, he has been employed by first Ohio Aviation and later Transworld Airlines as a mechanic. He is presently an aircraft and Powerplant Mechanic for TWA. His interests include farming, American Legion and Lutis Club activities. They are members of the First Methodist Church in Sidney, Ohio.

19. Mary Kathryn Richards			
Dwight E. Ransdell	b. July 27, 1923		d.
37. Ward Richards	b. June 6, 1948	m. June 30, 1970	d.
38. Rebecca Lee	b. Nov. 4, 1951	m.	d.
39. Dwight Dean	b. Nov. 20, 1956	m.	d.

Mary Kathryn was born at the Richards homestead in Shelby County. At the age of three months the family moved to 306 Park Street, Sidney, Ohio, where she attended 3rd Ward Elementary School and later Sidney High School. She was active in the Junior Choir of the First Methodist Church, and studied piano with Miss Mayer, and later with Mrs. G.U. Rhees.

In 1939, the family moved to Kenton, Ohio, and resided at 508 N. Detroit Street. During her High School days, Mary Kathryn studied voice under Mr. R.O. Clymer. After graduation in 1941, she enrolled at Miami University in Oxford, O., where she was a member of Girls' Madrigal and affiliated with Delta Delta Delta Sorority. In June 1945, she graduated with a B.S. degree in Music Education and spent the following year in New York City where she worked at the American Broadcasting Corporation.

Dwight was born in Ridgeway, Ohio, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ransdell. He was a graduate of Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and later served as an Ensign in the United States Navy during World War II. After their marriage they lived in Kenton, Ohio, and Dwight was employed at the Kenton Lumber Co.. Mary Kathryn taught school at Mount Victory, and the following year at Ridgeway Public School. Their first child, Ward, was born at McKittrick Hospital in Kenton.

In 1951, they moved to Warren, Ohio, where Dwight was associated with Bruss Lumber Co., and here, in the St. Joseph's Hospital, Rebecca was born. 1953 found the family moving to Mansfield, Ohio where they presently reside at 690 Dirlam Lane and Dwight is Sales Representative for Kent Corporation. Dwight Dean, their second son, was born at Mansfield General Hospital.

The family are all members of the First Congregational Church where Mary Kathryn serves as soloist with the Church Choir and Director of the Junior Choir. For some years, she did substitute teaching in the Mansfield Schools, later taught music at Johnny Appleseed Junior High, and presently is music specialist in the Mansfield Elementary School.

The interests of the family center about the activities of the children, various musical functions of the community, the Fine Arts Guild and numerous church activities.

20. Mary Jane Enders
Raymond M. Helm, Jr. b. Oct. 5, 1918

d.

40. Catherine Jo b. Aug. 7, 1946 m.
41. Richard Clinton b. July 18, 1949 m.
42. Debra Jane b. Oct. 9, 1956 m.

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Mary Jane was born in Shelby County and began her education in the school system there. After graduation from Sidney High, she attended Ohio State University for two years and spent a year at Business College. Raymond was born in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. He is a purchasing agent and his hobbies are golf and bowling. Mary Jane is a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She enjoys sewing and homemaking. The two older children were born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Debra in Hagerstown, Maryland. The family attend the Presbyterian Church. They presently reside in Somerset, New Jersey.

21. Josephine Barbara Enders
Gunnar Henning Janson b. Jan. 22, 1917

d.

43. Karen Jo b. Dec. 23, 1948 m.
44. John Eric b. Mar. 5, 1951 m.

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d.

Jo was born in Shelby County and graduated from Sidney High School. Before marriage she was employed in the office of Monarch Machine Tool and also in the Engineering Department at Lear's in Piqua. Gunnar was born in Sweden. He is a Development Engineer. His hobbies are golf and bowling and he holds membership in the Kiwanis Club. Jo is a dedicated mother and homemaker and enjoys sewing for her family. Both children were born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The family attend the First Presbyterian Church. Their present home is in Aurora, Ohio.

22. John Herman Enders
Sue Gorsuch b. Dec. 25, 1935

d.

45. Elizabeth Ann b. Sept 29, 1962 m.
46. Ellen Sue b. June 17, 1965 m.

d.

d.

(Biographical Sketch by John Herman Enders)

I was born on July 9, 1930, at the Enders family farm, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Sidney, Ohio, on the Presbyterian Home Road. My father and mother are John Herman Enders and Yetta Hanna Seddig Enders. I lived there with my parents and my two sisters. Mary Jane and Josephine Barbara, attending Parkwood Elementary School until 1939. We moved to the Enders farm, 6 miles south of Sidney on Brown Road, in November, 1939. I attended Orange Township School from 1939 to 1944. I graduated from Sidney High School in 1948, and with the help of a Monarch Machine Tool Company scholarship, graduated from Case Institute of Technology, Cleveland, Ohio in June, 1952, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Following graduation from Case, I was employed as an Aeronautical Research Scientist by the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, also located in Cleveland, at the Hopkins Airport. My work there was concerned with research on liquid propellant rocket engines. In April of 1954, I joined the United States Air Force. Following completion of Basic Training, I was assigned to pilot training as an Aviation Cadet, graduating with my pilot's wings and commission in October of 1955. I was assigned to a Strategic Air Command Squadron at Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio, flying B-47 bombers. At the request of Colonel John Stapp, I was reassigned to Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, just west of Alamogordo, in 1957, where I was assistant operations officer on the long ($7\frac{1}{2}$ mile) rocket sled track. I decided against accepting an offer of a permanent commission and returned to NACA in Cleveland as a civilian in November, 1958, just as it was being reorganized into the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, or NASA.

Because of my newly-acquired pilot skills, I accepted an offer of a position at Lewis Research Center as a research test pilot. I flew many interesting flight research projects, and headed up the flight program in zero gravity research as engineering project pilot. During the run of the weightlessness program, I flew over 700 weightless trajectories with the airplane, amassing over $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours of weightlessness (in 20 second chunks), or more than John Glenn did!

About this time, I met a schoolteacher in Lakewood, Ohio. Sue Gorsuch was born on December 25, 1935 in Ashland, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio State University in 1958. We were married on June 26, 1960 at the First Christian Church in Ashland, Ohio. In March, 1962, I accepted a position at NASA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. as a Launch Vehicle Program Manager in the Office of Manned Space Flight. We moved into our present home in Bethesda, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, in April, 1962, and on September 29, 1962, Elizabeth Ann Enders was born at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda. In November of that year, I accepted the job of Technical Assistant in the Office of the Administrator, where I was the technical staff assistant to Mr. James E. Webb and Dr. Hugh L. Dryden for the next 18 months. In April of 1964, I transferred to my present position with the Aeronautical Vehicles Division, where I have responsibility for managing NASA's Aircraft Safety Research Program and the General Aviation (light aircraft) Research program at five NASA field laboratories. On June 17, 1965, Betsy got a new little sister, Ellen Sue, who was born at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda.

During these years, I have developed a broad range of interests in sports and hobbies including: Swimming, sailing, soaring, mountain climbing, cave exploring, tennis, model airplane building, cabinetry, reading, language, music (clarinet, oboe, recorder, and classical guitar, as well as vocal), carpentry, camping, fishing, etc.. I am no longer active in all of these, of course, but at one time or another, I have personally participated in them.

23. Russell Bruhn
Phyllis b. d.

47. Bonnie Kathryn b. m. d.

Russell is a dentist in Philadelphia, Pa. No response from this family member.

24. Chester Struble
Hazel Wenrick b. July 17, 1916 d.

Chester was born on a farm south of Pemberton and made his home there until his marriage. He attended the Perry Rural School and graduated with the Class of 1933. He assisted his father in farming and was interested in radio and electrical work. Before his marriage he did numerous wiring projects and worked at radio repairing. Since 1946, he has been employed at the Copeland Company, and he and his wife reside on Brooklyn Avenue in Sidney, O.

25. Mary Barbara Enders
Dick Johnston Adams b. Apr. 27, 1920 d.

48. Richard Neil b. Jan. 1, 1939 m. March 17, 1957 d.

49. Nancy Jean b. Sept. 16, 1940 m. Sept. 16, 1962 d.

Barbara was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and came to Shelby County to live with her paternal grandparents after the death of her mother. She attended Perry Rural grade and high school in Pemberton. Dick was born in Sidney, Ohio and graduated from Perry Rural High School. His parents were Clyde and Ada Johnston Adams. He has followed the vocation of farming since 1948 and for seven years was Dairy Testing Supervisor in Shelby County. Barbara is a member of the Lewis Boyer Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, and Dick holds membership in various farm organizations. They are both members of Unity Grange, and live on Route 5, east of Sidney.

26. Rita Lee Enders
Vernon Richard Gilfillen b. Sept. 17, 1940 d.

50. Rex Arthur b. Sept. 27, 1959 m. d.
51. Ginger Ann b. Jan. 20, 1961 m. d.

Rita was born in Oak Park, Illinois and attended school there for the beginning of her primary education. In 1949, she moved with her parents to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they lived until 1957. At that time, the family moved to Shelby County, Ohio. In 1958, Rita graduated from Fairlawn High School in Perry Township and later that same year was married to Vernon Gilfillen, son of Vernon and Clara Margaret Leckey Gilfillen. Vernon, a graduate of Fairlawn, also with the class of 1958, follows the vocation of farming. In addition, he is employed at Westinghouse Air Brake Corporation in Sidney. In 1965, the couple moved to their present

home on a farm south of Pemberton. Rita has furthered her education since her marriage by attending Wright State University and graduated from there magna cum laude with a B.S. in Education in December 1970. They are members of the United Methodist Church in Sidney.

28. James Enders Reid
Eileen Bartlett (Divorced)

52. Kelley Eugene b. Dec. 6, 1962 m. d.
53. Jaimie Michelle b. Oct. 31, 1964 m. d.

James Enders Reid
Janet Hays b. Nov. 4, 1932 d.

54. James Enders II b. Jan. 27, 1969 m. d.

James was born in Ohio and attended Kindergarten in Defiance, first grade at Aurora, Illinois. From 1945-47, he attended Lincoln Elementary School in Warren, Michigan, and from 1947-56, he was a student at Castle Heights Military Academy, Lexington, Tennessee. In 1960, he graduated from Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Virginia. Presently, James resides in Healdsburg, California where he is engaged as a reporter for Santa Rosa Press Democrat Newspaper in Santa Rosa, California. Janet is a native of California. She has a daughter by a former marriage, Leslie Withers-Mayne, born August 24, 1959.

29. Stephen Douglas Dow MD
Joyce Elizabeth Noble b. Feb. 2, 1941 d.

55. Lisa Ann b. Apr. 29, 1961 m.. d.
56. Jeffrey Stephen b. June 28, 1963 m. d.
57. Julie Beth b. Nov. 21, 1966 m. d.
58. Gregory Noble b. Mar. 8, 1968 m. d.

Stephen was born in Sidney and attended school in Dayton and Washington, D.C.. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Ferndale, Michigan in 1952. From there he went to Michigan University where he attended the College of Medicine, graduating in 1960. Stephen holds membership in Phi Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternities. He is an Orthopedic Surgeon, practicing in Reno, Nevada and is a member of the Washoe County Medical Society and the Reno Surgical Society. He is a Fellow in the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery. Joyce was born in Grand Ledge, Michigan. The family resides on Canyon Drive, Reno.

30. Richard William Dow MD
Dorothy Jean Andersen (Divorced)

59. Kristin Mary b. July 11, 1963 m. d.
60. Richard Charles b. Apr. 29, 1965 m. d.

Richard William Dow MD
Sandra Lea Coon b. Nov. 24, 1940 d.

Richard was born in Sidney, received his primary education in Dayton and Washington D.C.. He graduated from Lincoln High School in Ferndale, Michigan in 1954 and the College of Medicine, Michigan University in 1961. His residency in General Surgery was completed at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Richard is a member of Phi Chi Fraternity, Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary medical fraternity, and Victor Vaughn Society, of which he was president during his senior year in medical school. From July 1968 to June 1970 he was a Major in the U.S. Medical Corps, and served one year in Vietnam. Early in 1968, he was chosen to receive the Markel Award for Medicine, a grant for research to promising young doctors. Sandra, otherwise known as Sash, was from Plymouth, Michigan. The couple reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

32. Mark Richards Stockstill

Marilyn Hamlin b. Nov. 5, 1945

d.

61. Margo Marie

b. Oct. 24, 1970 m.

d.

Mark was born in Kenton and attended school in Sidney and Dayton, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Colonel White High School in Dayton and attended the Dayton Art Institute and the Cincinnati Academy of Commercial Art. Mark is associated with the Wanamaker Studio in Dayton. Before the birth of their little daughter, Marilyn was a dental technician. The couple reside in Dayton.

33. Mary Suzanne Richards

Roger Lentz b. Aug. 22, 1943

d.

62. Laura Suzanne

b. Nov. 25, 1970 m.

d.

Mary Suzanne was born in Kenton, but moved with her parents to the Richards homestead in Shelby County before her first birthday. She attended school in Anna, graduating from high school in 1965. For a short time she was enrolled in a business school in Columbus, later taking a position in the office of the Westinghouse Corporation in Sidney. After her marriage, she and Roger began housekeeping on the home farm, her parents moving to Tipp City. Roger operates the farm and is associated with the Shelby County Conservation Office.

37. Ward Richards Ransdell

Linda Robb b. Nov. 1948

d.

Ward graduated from Malabar High School in 1966, and during that year received the Manhood Award of the Year from the Mansfield YMCA. He attended Ohio State University, graduating in June of 1970. He will further his education at the Illinois School of Optometry in Chicago, Illinois. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robb of South Charlestown, West Va.

48. Richard Neil Adams Sandra Lou Andrews	b. July 3, 1938	d.
63. Julie Marie	b. Sept. 16, 1957 m.	d.
64. Richard Neil II	b. Nov. 25, 1960 m.	d.
65. Randall Christian	b. Oct. 16, 1965 m.	d.

Richard was born in Perry Township, eastern Shelby County, Ohio, and in 1943, the family moved to Sidney. His education was begun in the school system there with attendance at First Ward Elementary for one year. In 1946, the family returned to Perry Township and Richard graduated from Fairlawn High School in 1956. He continued his education at Ohio State University and graduated from there in 1960 with a BS in Agricultural Education. For the next six years he was on the faculty of Northwestern High School, Clark County, in the Vocational Agriculture Department. During this time, he completed requirements for his MA which he obtained from OSU in 1964, major in Agricultural Education and minor in Educational Administration. Since 1966, he has been associated with the Clark County Vocational School and Technical Institute, presently serving in the capacity of Executive Officer. For six years, Richard was also cooperating instructor with Wittenberg University and Ohio State University supervising student teachers. He has again returned to the classroom at OSU where he is enrolled in a doctoral program with graduation planned for late 1971.

Sandra is also a graduate of Fairlawn High School, class of 1956. She was born in Huron, South Dakota, the daughter of Carl and Neola Fountain Andrews. The family moved to Shelby County in 1943.

Julie Marie was born in Sidney, the two boys in Springfield. The family resides on Bischoff Road near New Carlisle and they are members of the United Methodist Church in North Hampton.

49. Nancy Jean Adams Charles Marcus Seipel	b. Jan. 31, 1928	d.
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Nancy was born in Pemberton, Ohio. The family resided in Sidney from 1943-46, where she attended Kindergarten. After the move back to Perry Township, she was enrolled in the first grade at Pemberton. She graduated from Fairlawn High, class of 1958 and went to Washington D.C. to Restaurant and Hotel Management School. For 3 years she was with the Spot Restaurant in Piqua. In 1966, she accepted a position with the office personnel of the Decker Packing Company in Piqua, where she is presently associated. Nancy is a member of the Lewis Boyer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Charles is the son of George and Elizabeth Clark Seipel and he was born in Piqua. He was educated in the school system there, served in the Army during World War II, and spent 13 years with Armco Steel Company. Since 1966, he has been with the Monarch Machine Tool Company in Sidney. Charles and Nancy reside on Garbry Road, Miami County.

Enders Reunion History

Family gatherings were held from time to time, but not until the decade of the Thirties was any official record kept. The Reunion Book records ten consecutive family meetings. A brief description of each year's activities is given on these pages....

July 27, 1930 The descendants of Christian Enders met in Sidney at the home of Charles and Sadie Richards. Sadie presided, and at her suggestion, an Enders Family Reunion Organization was formed. Officers were nominated and elected as follows - President, Herman Enders; Vice President, Ruth Enders; and Secretary, Emma Enders. A good representation attended, twenty-five present and six absent. An invitation to the home of the newly elected President - Herman for the 1931 Reunion was accepted, the date to be the third Sunday in August. Committees were appointed, and entertainment provided by Mary Kathryn Richards who recited "A Case of Sore Throat."

August 16, 1931 The Enders Clan gathered with Herman Enders and family. At the business meeting, Charles Richards became the new President, Herman Enders, Vice President and Ruth Enders, Secretary. John Herman Enders Jr., was thirteen months old at this time. An indication of the important position he held in the family as the first surviving male Enders since 1898 is illustrated in the following entry of the Reunion Record: "It was decided not to have the music program because Jackie had had a hard day and had gone to sleep and we did not want to waken him..." George Enders gave a resume of his recent trip abroad, after which the meeting adjourned and the sport of Horse Shoe resumed.

August 7, 1932 The Enders Family traveled to the Sidney Fair-grounds where a bountiful basket dinner was enjoyed. The roll call, first order of business, found thirty members and four guests present. Officers for the next year were to be Frank Pfaadt, President, and Mary Praadt, Secretary. A souvenir booklet containing names and records of the Christian Enders Family was presented to each member by Charles and Bertha Enders. Also, at this meeting, George announced the death of a cousin, Miss Marie Bohn, in Allstedt, Germany.

August 20, 1933 This year found the Enders in Defiance, at the home of George and Bessie Enders. The noon meal was enjoyed at the Valentine Coffee Shoppe. Eight members were absent, Bertha Enders was elected President for the coming year, Frances Richards, Secretary. Three readings and two piano solos were presented by the younger generation and ice cream and cake served later in the day by the host and hostess.

August 19, 1934 Charles and Bertha Enders invited the Enders to meet in their home this year, and twenty-five members and four guests responded. Seven absentees were recorded. The Richards Family proudly announced the arrival of their first grandchild, Stephen Douglas Dow, son of Minor and Jeannette. Results of the election were Wilbur Enders, President, and the re-election of Frances Richards as Secretary.

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August 18, 1935 The Reunion was held at the Jacob Enders home. Mr. Crusey, Sidney Photographer, was on hand and took pictures of the thirty-one members present. Another member was added to the roll in the year past - George Kaser - by his marriage to Martha Pfaadt. Entertainment was provided by the young folks. The President elected for the coming year was Sadie Richards and the Secretary, Lela Struble.

August 16, 1936 Charles and Bertha Enders again offered their country home as a meeting place. George Enders was named President and Yetta Enders, Secretary. The following entry is most interesting, recorded by the secretary and concerning the program: "The next was a musical number by Mrs. Barbara K. Enders." Grandma Enders would have been ninety that year. Traveling seemed the theme for the day. Ruth Enders gave a talk on her recent trip to Tennessee, and Frances Richards shared highlights of her trip to Colorado. Also, Jo Enders and Mary Kathryn Richards gave a play "Hanging Out the Wash.."

June 27, 1937 The Hollow at Piqua, was the designated meeting place this year, and all enjoyed a picnic lunch. Richard William Dow and Patricia Ann Kaser were new arrivals to the family since last year, and Miss Lorah Kelley was proposed and accepted as an honorary member. Frances Richards was to be the next President and Mary Jane Enders the new Secretary.

August 21, 1938 The group gathered again at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Grandma Enders had passed away since the last meeting and a floral arrangement was placed on the dining table in her memory. Mary Jane Enders was elected President, and Bertha Enders, Secretary. Lucile Enders, Rodney Reid and Dick Adams were welcomed into the family - all by marriage.

August 27, 1939 Only thirteen members assembled at Idlewild Park near Kenton. The usual basket dinner and fellowship were enjoyed. Katie Bruhn composed a poem in memory of Grandma Enders, and it was read to the group by Emma Enders. Announcement of two more family members was made, James Enders Reid and Richard Neil Adams. The Reunion adjourned.

And so the official record ends. Unfortunately, no notes were kept of any later meetings.







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